

REMARKS

The Applicant respectfully requests further examination and reconsideration in view of the amendments made above and the arguments set forth fully below. Claims 1-51 were previously pending in this application. By the above amendment, Claims 1, 13, 25, 37, 47 and 51 have been amended. Accordingly, Claims 1-51 are currently pending in this application.

The Applicant and his attorneys would like to thank Examiner Nguyen and Examiner Kindred for their time and courteousness during the interview on Tuesday, March 8, 2005. During the interview, it was suggested that it should be specified within the claims that the directory tree structure includes nodes and branches. Accordingly, that amendment has been made to the claims by the above amendments.

For the reasons given above, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-51 are now in a condition for allowance, and allowance at an early date would be appreciated. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, he/she is encouraged to call the undersigned attorney at (408) 530-9700.

Respectfully submitted,
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